GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF DIFFERENT QUALITY COTTON
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of long staple fine quality cotton and other types of cotton imported during each of the last three years so far along with the name of countries, type-wise and country-wise; and

(b) the reasons for importing cotton?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) The quantity of cotton (including cotton waste) imported during last three years are as under:

Quantity: In Thousand Ton Value: In Crore Rupees

1997-98(Oct-Sept)		1998-99(Oct-Sept)		1999-2000(Oct-Sept)	
Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
45.8	313.73	101.2	578.72	325.8	1659.07

Source: Foreign Trade Statistics of India.

Mostly long staple and extra long staple cotton are imported into India. The major countries from which cotton is imported are Australia, Egypt, Sudan, Turkey, Uzbekistan, USA and West African countries.

(b) Import of cotton, inter alia, depends upon quality parameters and price considerations.